Agreement with China for Cooperation in I.T. Development

1939. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent visit of the Chinese Prime Minister to India, an agreement for cooperation in development of Information Technology was worked out underlining that "while India had been recognized as number one in software exports, China was number one in hardware";

(b) if so, the features of the agreement; and

(c) the schemes, if any, worked out for cooperative effort in that direction between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) During the recent visit of the Chinese Prime Minister to India no Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on IT was signed. However, an MOU for cooperation in Informaion Technology was signed with the People's Republic of China in Beijing on July 17, 2000. The main features of the cooperation agreement related to the following:

1. Computer;
2. Enterprise Networks;
3. Information Technology;
4. Micro-electronics Technology and Integrated Circuits;
5. Software and its applications and products;
6. Internet Technologies and their applications;
7. Transfer of Information Technologies; and
8. Establishing Manufacturing JVs of IT equipment.